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NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS

Low-Pressure Fuel Evaporative Testing

The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) and the Air Resources Board (ARB) have scheduled a series of workshops to discuss adding low-pressure fuel evaporative testing to the Smog Check inspection. This inspection would affect 1976 through 1995 model-year vehicles. The purpose of these workshops is to provide the opportunity for interested parties to provide input in advance of the formal regulation hearing process.

Low-pressure evaporative testing refers to an inspection for leaks of a vehicle's fuel tank and vapor lines. The inspection requires the use of specially designed leak detection equipment that Smog Check stations would need to purchase. The estimated cost of the equipment is \$2000-\$3000. The leak detection equipment uses a small amount of pressure (about ½ psi) introduced through the fuel tank filler neck to determine if the system leaks. If the test determines that the vehicle's fuel evaporative system has leaks, the vehicle would fail the test and have to be repaired in order to pass the Smog Check test. BAR's roadside testing in 2005 shows that about 11% of the affected model-year vehicles will likely fail. The ARB has concluded that such testing is a cost-effective emissions reduction strategy to help the State meet its air pollution requirements.

Please join us at one of the following meetings:

April 4, 2006, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street, Sierra Room*
Sacramento, California 95814
* webcast

April 18, 2006, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Air Resources Board
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

April 20, 2006, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Four Points by Sheraton
5121 Hopyard Road
Pleasanton, California 94588

These meetings are open to the public and are being held in barrier-free facilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person with a disability who needs disability-related accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the meeting shall make a request for such accommodation or modification not less than five (5) business days before the meeting date by contacting the contact person named in this notice. The designated contact person for information concerning these meetings is Tracy Matsui, who may be contacted by phone at (916) 255-3460, or by e-mail at mailto:Tracy_Matsui@dca.ca.gov.

Additional information is also available on the Bureau's Web site at www.autorepair.ca.gov.